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DJIBOUTI

DJIBOUTI SAYS ETHIOPIA STILL RECEIVING SOVIET ARMS

Djibouti Domestic Service in Somali 1645 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] The Ethiopian regime is still campaigning to wipe out the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party. Reports say that a member of the party committed suicide after learning that he was going to be arrested. Seven other members of the party are also said to have been arrested.

Unlimited quantities of arms continue to pour into Ethiopia from the USSR. Reports say that the armed forces can neither ascertain nor estimate the quantities of the weapons flowing into Ethiopia and Angola.

ETHIOPIA

350 CIVILIANS COMPLETE MILITARY TRAINING

LD111827Y Addis Ababa in Amharic to Neighboring Countries 1600 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Summary] In Nefas Mucha town, (Gaint) District, Gondar Region, 350 security defense squad members have been armed after 3 weeks of military and political training.

EPRP LEADER COMMITS SUICIDE BUSINESSMEN ARRESTED

LD111220Y Addis Ababa Domestic Service in English 1015 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] A member of the Central Committee of the so-called Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party committed suicide in Addis Ababa yesterday by jumping from the fourth floor of the Philips building.

Eshetu Yitna, an employee of the Wonji sugar company, jumped to his death while revolution defense squad members of Higher-22 were trying to arrest him. Members of the defense squad said the general manager and the chief accountant of the Wonji sugar company tried to mislead them by falsely claiming that the wanted man was on leave and therefore did not report for work. The defense squad members, who were (?tipped) in advance of the true stance of the two company executives, pressed on with the search for the wanted man until they located his hide-out.

The defense squad members later arrested the general manager, Ato Hailu Shawel, and the chief accountant, Ato Tilahun (Worku). They said reactionary bureaucrats, collaborating with counterrevolutionaries, who otherwise would have been exposed by the [words indistinct] instigated [words indistinct].

ERITREAN SPOKESMAN DENIES WILLINGNESS TO DEAL

AU102037Y Rome ANSA in English 1950 GMT 10 Apr 78 AU

[Text] Rome, April 10 (ANSA)--The Ethiopian-Cuban offensive in Eritrea will soon begin and will be a large scale operation, according to a member of the Eritrean Liberation Front.

In an interview to ANSA here, Ermias Debessay [name as received] said that, nevertheless, the offensive was bound to fail because Eritrea was determined, after 17 years of struggle, to win its independence.

He said that the front has sufficient weapons to repulse the attack and that the people for years have been prepared to roll back any Ethiopian aggression.

"We are not (?timid) and we are certain of victory," Debessay said.

He ruled out any possibilities of negotiating with Ethiopia.

According to front estimates, there are from 2-3,000 Cuban soldiers in Eritrea, ready to go into action.

More will probably be transferred from Addis Ababa to Asmara in the next few days, he said.

Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, is still in the hands of Ethiopian forces.

"But just as the United States learned the hard way in Vietnam, the Soviets and Cubans will have to learn that they can never win, because they cannot beat our determination," Debessay continued. "We are ready to fight to the last man," he added.

In reality, the offensive has already begun since the Ethiopian Air Force has been heavily bombing villages around Asmara for the past five days, he said.

The Eritrean secessionists claimed control over 95 percent of the province.

The Ethiopian-Cuban offensive is expected to be launched in two sections: One push from south to north, and a second drive from the port of Massawa West. The port city is still in Ethiopian hands.

"Ethiopia dreams of having the same success in Eritrea that it had in Ogaden, but it is making a big mistake because it does not realize that the situation is completely different," the front spokesman went on.

"First of all, we control almost all of Eritrea, secondly, in 17 years of political work we have modelled the masses and made sure to liberate the man before the territory," he said.

He also denied assertions made in Beirut two days ago by Ahmed Nasser [name as received], head of another Eritrean liberation front, who claimed that the secessionists were willing to deal with the Ethiopian Marxist regime of Mengistu Haile Mariam, without any preliminary conditions.

Debessay called such a stance "madness" and "contrary to the interests of the Eritrean people."

"We will not deal with Ethiopia until Addis Ababa recognizes our right to self-determination and independence," he said.

The second front led by Nasser has played a minor role in the Eritrean liberation movement and takes a more moderate stance.

Debessay in the interview underscored the fact that Eritreans want to gain their independence without any "foreign intervention."

"We do not intend to beg arms, especially from the imperialist states," he said.

"With regard to the socialist countries of Africa we are trying to convince them that they are wrong to aline themselves on the side of the Soviet Union who has pitted itself against us by agreeing to help the Ethiopians," Debessay continued.

Asked if the front would accept arms from the moderate Arab nations that recently came to the aid of Somalia, engaged in the war with Ethiopia over the disputed Ogaden territory, the front spokesman said "yes, because they do not impose conditions and recognize that the Eritrean struggle is a just and popular one."

ERITREAN REBELS SAY ETHIOPIANS PREPARING OFFENSIVE

WA111554Y London REUTER in English 1547 GMT 11 Apr 78 WA

[Text] Rome, 11 April--Rebels fighting for the independence of Ethiopia's Eritrea province said here today Soviet-built MIG jets were dropping napalm and cluster bombs on villages near the province's capital and main port, apparently in preparation for an Ethiopian offensive. "Their strategy first of all is to regain the road between the capital, Asmara, and the port of Massawa," Gabray Tseghai of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front [EPLF] told REUTER. "This is their most important supply line."

EPLF insurgents control the road between the two cities, which they have besieged in battles last year.

"The MIG jets have been bombing the suburbs of Massawa in our control and the villages of Nefasit and Gimda, on the Asmara-Massawa road," Mr. Gabray said. The MIG jets, recently supplied by the Soviet Union to Ethiopia, also bombed other villages surrounding Asmara "and they have been using cluster bombs and napalm," the EPLF official said, adding that all the raids took place last Friday and Saturday.

"They are trying to demoralize the civilian population and release our stranglehold on Asmara," Mr. Gabray said. The EPLF and another insurgent group, the Eritrean Liberation Front, are fighting for the independence of Eritrea, a former Italian colony which was handed to Ethiopia after a vote by the U.N. General Assembly in 1950. They control most of Eritrea except five cities--Asmara, Massawa, Assae, Barentu and Adi Caieh--and a few villages. According to the EPLF, a battle is raging for the control of Adi Caieh.

SOMALIA

SIAD BARRE GIVES MORE DETAILS ON COUP ATTEMPT

LD120908Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 0440 GMT 12 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] Challe Siad has said that the national army always discharges its duties in a commendable manner and that its contribution to the Somali people is outstanding and cannot be overemphasized.

Speaking about the abortive coup attempt by a unit serving foreign interests, the president revealed that the lackey unit had killed 20 people and wounded 34 others and that it had destroyed a number of vehicles and a quantity of ammunition. He added that the members of the national army who had confronted the unit involved in the coup attempt had used their good sense and, motivated by national sentiments, had succeeded in capturing most of the plotters. A few are still at large and are being hunted down.

Challe Siad said that the members of the army who had put down the attempted coup had fulfilled their national duty, just as they always had done when the country was in difficulty.

The president said that the lackey unit intended to take advantage of the difficult period through which the country is passing and hand the country over to colonialism, disrupting its stability. He went on to say that the ultimate objective of the colonialists was to spread false propaganda against the Somali nation, halt the progress of the Somali people, destroy the Somali revolution and undermine the Somali peoples' unity and cooperation.

Challe Siad, who was speaking on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the national army, concluded his speech by saying that any similar attempt in the future is bound to suffer the same fate.

DEFENSE MINISTER COMMENTS ON COUP, ROLE OF ARMED FORCES

LD121144Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in Somali 0440 GMT 12 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] Challe Lt Gen Mohamed Ali Samantar, first vice president of the Somali Democratic Republic [SDR] and minister of defense, last night praised the Somali National Army for its honorable contribution to the country's construction and internal and external defense and for its help to the Somali people. Speaking on the occasion of the 18th anniversary of the Somali National Army, Challe Samantar, who is also the commander in chief of the Somali National Army, said that the members of the Somali National Army had always been and would always be the first to work for the people and to defend the existence and unity of the Somali people. I am sure that the men of the Somali National Army will honorably fulfill their duties, said Challe Samantar.

The vice president praised the armed forces for their memorable and historic role in assisting the liberation fronts and said that Somalia had extended moral and material support to the liberation fronts, who were fighting for their freedom. He said that the armed forces were fulfilling their historic duty.

The action of the heroic freedom fighters and the units that had helped them will go down in the annals of history, and our friends and foes know that, said Challe Samantar.

The minister of defense described the propaganda of the Abyssinians and their allies to the effect that the armed forces of the SDR had been defeated as a misinterpretation of the decision of the SDR to withdraw the units of its armed forces that were helping the liberation fronts. He said that this decision had been taken following a request from the big powers and in order to reach a peaceful solution to the problem.

Challe Samantar said that when the problem was only between the liberation fronts and Abyssinia, the balance of the conflict was plain to see. The Abyssinians were forced to call for foreign forces to do for them what they could not do for themselves. The vice president said that it was unfortunate that the socialist countries of the Warsaw Pact, headed by Russia and Cuba, had allied themselves with Abyssinia and opposed the liberation fronts, thus running against the socialist principles they were preaching throughout the world. They always said that the socialist countries, communist parties, the workers' organizations in capitalist countries and the liberation movements should support each other. This principle has not been pursued by the Russians and Cubans, who want to destroy and oppress the liberation fronts, said Challe Samantar.

The first vice president, who is also the minister of defense, said that it was amazing that the Western countries agreed with the Russians and that the West and East agreed to defend Abyssinian colonialism and oppose the liberation fronts. Challe Samantar said that this showed that there were agreements designed to split the world into spheres of influence. Some of these designs are known to us, he said. Challe Samantar said that colonialism knows no color and that the whole world knows that Abyssinia is a colonial power and oppresses the people it has colonized. He said that the liberation fronts of Western Somalia, Eritrea, Afar, Tigre and Abo will continue their struggle until they free themselves from colonialism. History shows that no one can stop, oppose or oppress liberation movements fighting for their independence, no matter how much force is used against them, said Challe Samantar.

Speaking about the abortive coup, Challe Samantar said that a small unit that was a lackey of foreign powers, who were trying to take advantage of the difficult situation through which the country is passing, had tried to stage the coup, but they were immediately crushed by the brave revolutionaries who were the creators of the revolution and who were always ready to defend the country.

The vice president added that the small lackey unit had lied to some members of the armed forces, telling them that they were defending the country. When the members of the armed forces saw through the trick, they started fighting. Challe Samantar said that those who attempted the coup would be tried in a court of law. He congratulated the armed forces for their courage in putting down the attempted coup.

The vice president described as baseless lies the propaganda spread by some foreign countries that the Somali armed forces were demoralized. The morale of our armed forces is high; they are proud of the victories they achieved and have full confidence in their leaders and people, said Challe Samantar. Challe Samantar said that it is amazing that some propaganda has linked the abortive coup with the alleged killing of officers. He said that the stories alleging that 80 officers have been killed in Hargeisa is cheap propaganda. He stated, however, that six officers have been arrested after committing treason against the country. The six officers had been given the responsibility of defending the country in a war situation. Their trial will be open and anyone can attend.

Challe Samantar said that the malicious propaganda has come to such a pass that it has even been alleged that officers of the national army such as Brigadier General Sahardid have been killed. He said that this is just one example of the propaganda spread against Somalia. However, the Somali people have faced this false propaganda bravely. Challe Samantar congratulated the officers, the NCO's and men of the Somali National Army.

SENIOR ARMY OFFICER DENIES DIFFERENCES WITH SIAD BARRE

LD111158Y Mogadiscio Domestic Service in English 1100 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] The malicious propaganda that is being propagated against the Somali Democratic Republic is meant to harm the unity and confidence of the Somali people. So said Challe Brig Gen Abdi Mohamed Sahardid yesterday in an interview with local newsmen at police headquarters in Mogadiscio. The brigadier, who sent a message of support to the president yesterday morning, was among a group of armed forces officers which some foreign news media recently falsely reported as being shot in Hargeisa. [passage indistinct]

Challe Sahardid added that since he is a senior officer who had dedicated himself to the interests of his country, there was no reason why he should have differences with the revolution. [words indistinct] and added that it is not surprising that [words indistinct] foreign powers are spreading this type of cheap and baseless propaganda against the Somali revolution.

TANZANIA

VICE PRESIDENT STOPS OVER IN ADDIS ABABA

LD112034Y Addis Ababa in English to Neighboring Countries 1730 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] The Tanzanian vice president, Mr Aboud Jumbe, has said that the OAU Charter should be adhered to by all member states, who should respect each others' borders. Mr Jumbe was speaking to reporters in Addis Ababa during a stopover on his way home after a visit to India.

He said Tanzania had stood in the forefront in recommending that the OAU should always take appropriate measures in insuring respect for its charter and the complete adherence to borders between African states.

During his stopover, Mr Jumbe had a brief exchange of views with the Ethiopian foreign minister, Dr Feleke Gedle-Giorgis.

Returns Home From India

LD111825Y Dar es Salaam in English to East Africa 1600 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] New Delhi--Tanzania and India have expressed grave concern over the situation in Rhodesia. In a joint communique issued in New Delhi at the end of the 10-day visit to India by the vice president, Ndugu Aboud Jumbe, the two countries urged Britain and the United States to convene a conference shortly to follow up the Malta talks. Both countries condemned the so-called internal settlement reached by the rebel Ian Smith with the puppet nationalist leaders based inside Rhodesia.

Ndugu Jumbe returned to Dar es Salaam this evening.

CHAD

MALLOUM THANKS AL-QADHDHAFI FOR PEACE EFFORTS

LD062110Y Tripoli JANA in English 1445 GMT 6 Apr 78 LD

[Text] Tripoli, April 6, JANA--Mr Felix Malloum, chairman of the Chadian Supreme Military Council, sent a cable to Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, which he expressed his deep appreciation to him for the efforts being exerted by Jamahiriyah for the achievment of national reconcilation in Chad.

The Chadian leader confirmed that the efforts exerted by Jamahiriyah to ensure the success of the Sabha conference and the negotiations between the Chadian Government and FROLINAT, had emphasized Jamahiriyah's deep interest in the African causes.

REBELS DELIVER MESSAGES FROM SWISS, FRENCH HOSTAGES

TA071442Y Paris AFP in English 1410 GMT 7 Apr 78 TA

[Text] Lagos, April 7 (AFP)--a member of the Chadian rebel movement FROLINAT's third army today delivered sealed letters from French and Swiss hostages Christian Masse and Andre Kumerling to their families via the AFP office in Lagos.

ZAIRE

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER RECEIVES DPRK DELEGATION

LD112257Y Kinsahsa AZAP in French 1746 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD

[Excerpt] Kinshasa--The political and state commissioner for foreign affairs and international cooperation, Citizen Umba Di Lutete received in his office this morning a DPRK delegation which has come to deliver a message from the people of Korea to the people of Zaire. Following the audience, Mr (Choe Il), roving ambassador who is at the head of the delegation, stated that on this occasion his delegation had a wide-ranging exchange of views on international questions of joint interest.

During the talks, Mr (Choe Il) stressed, mutual understanding had emerged. This mutual understanding is a solid basis from which to refresh, develop and deepen the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries, Mr (Choe Il) commented.

IVORY COAST

WEST AFRICA ECONOMIC COMMUNITY SUMMIT POSTPONED

PA091236Y Paris AFP in English 0633 GMT 9 Apr 78 PA

[Text] Abidjan, April 9 (AFP)--The French-speaking West African Economic Community (CEAO) has postponed a summit meeting scheduled for this month to avoid clashing with another summit on April 21 of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), to which the six CEAO countries also belong.

CEAO Secretary-General Moussa Ngom announced the postponement after talks here last night with Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouet-Boigny.

A new date would be fixed after consultations among the six members: Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal. The summit had been arranged for Bamako, capital of Mali.

Mr Ngom added that he discussed with the Ivorian president the question of setting up a CEAO Guarantees Fund, meat supplies in the six, their mineral prospecting programmes, and the opening in the near future here of a secretariat for the non-aggression and defense aid pact with Togo agreed on at the last CEAO summit here last June.

The ECOWAS summit, a two-day meeting, is to be held in the Nigerian capital, Lagos, headquarters of the larger grouping, which comprises the 16 English, French and Portuguese-speaking countries of West Africa.

TOGO

PRESIDENT EYADEMA ARRIVES IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR TALKS

For reportage on the 9-11 April visit of Gnassingbe Eyadema, president of the Togo Republic, to Saudi Arabia, see the Arabian Peninsula section of the 11 and 12 April issues of the Middle East & North Africa DAILY REPORT.

ANGOLA

PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO REPORTEDLY TOURING CRIMEA

OW111829Y Hong Kong AFP in English 1825 GMT 11 Apr 78 OW

[Text] Luanda, April 11 (AFP)--Angolan President Agostinho Neto is now in Crimea as part of a tour of the southern part of the Soviet Union, the national news agency ANGOP reported today.

In a communique, the agency also said that Mr Neto had been in the Soviet Union since March 20 for a friendship and rest visit.

The Crimea located on the Black Sea, is known for its seaside resorts. The report ended recent speculation on the whereabouts and health of the Angolan president. The Angolan Embassy in Lisbon recently denied rumors circulating in some Portuguese circles that Mr Neto had died.

BOTSWANA

HIGH COMMISSION DENIES ZAMBIAN TROOPS HELPING BOTSWANA

LD111822Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1600 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD

[Text] The Botswana High Commission in Lusaka has denied allegations that Zambian troops had been seconded to the Botswana defense force. The allegations were made by a British newspaper, the DAILY TELEGRAPH, which reported earlier this month that Zambian troops had been demonstrating to Botswana forces the use of guns acquired recently from China.

MALAWI

PRESIDENT BANDA TO MAKE PRIVATE VISIT TO UK, U.S.

LD121108Y Blantyre Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/CA

[Excerpt] His excellency the life president, Ngwazi Dr Kamuzu Banda, will on Friday this week leave the country for a private visit to Britain and the United States.

MOZAMBIQUE

ANGOLAN FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS ON ARRIVAL IN MAPUTO

LD111640Y Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese 0600 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] I have come to Mozambique in response to an invitation from Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano. My visit is aimed at laying the foundations for effective cooperation between the People's Republic of Angola and the People's Republic of Mozambique, Angolan Foreign Minister Comrade Paulo Jorge said in Maputo last night.

Speaking on developments in Zimbabwe and Namibia, the Angolan diplomat said that the recent maneuvers being carried out in Rhodesia, the so-called internal settlement, are nothing but a move to sustain the Ian Smith regime, which wants to advance the neo-colonialization of Zimbabwe. In Namibia, he said, the problem appears to be less complicated, since there is only one broadly recognized liberation movement.

In conclusion, Paulo Jorge spoke of the conflict in the Horn of Africa between Ethiopia and Somalia, saying that it is a very complex problem bringing into opposition two OAU member states and nonalined nations. Noting that our country advocates a peaceful solution to the conflict in strict accordance with the principles enshrined in the OAU Charter, he said that our stance is that the problem stems merely from a territorial claim and dispute over the colonialist-fixed borders. In other words, we should interpret the situation as aggression from Somalia instigated by imperialist powers who want to obstruct the revolutionary transformations in Ethiopia.

SAMORA MACHEL RECEIVES SUDANESE MINISTER OF STATE

LD112000Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1700 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Excerpt] At the presidential palace this morning, President Samora Machel received Francis Deng, the Sudanese minister of state for foreign affairs. The Sudanese diplomat delivered to President Samora Machel a personal message from Sudanese head of state Ja'far Numayri.

OAU COMMITTEE OF 10 BEGINS SESSION IN MAPUTO

LD111637Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1030 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] A meeting of the OAU Committee of 10 opened in the country's capital, Maputo, this morning.

The Committee of 10 was set up following the OAU heads of state meeting in Libreville last year, which studied ways to support countries which have been victims of attacks by the Rhodesian regime.

The opening session of the meeting was chaired by Joaquim Chissano, our country's foreign minister, who, after thanking delegates for their presence, spoke about the work of the Committee of 10 in support of the frontline states. The Mozambique head of diplomacy (?referred) to Salisbury's maneuvers to perpetuate its domination. He reaffirmed our country's support for the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe.

Later, the chairman of the Committee of 10, Togolese Minister of Foreign Affairs Edem Kodjo stressed that the meeting is in line with the African countries' desire to continue the struggle against racist regimes. Edem Kodjo hailed the Mozambique people and their leader, President Samora Machel, for their support for the peoples' liberation struggles. He took the opportunity to express solidarity with the Zambezi River flood victims.

The Togolese minister of foreign affairs handed his Mozambique counterpart, Joaquim Chissano, a check for $500,000, which equals 15,000 contos. The delegations taking part in the meeting have split into two commissions which are studying economic, political and military problems.

NATIONAL INFORMATION CONFERENCE OPENS IN MAPUTO

LD112018Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1700 GMT 11 Apr 76 LD/EA

[Text] Under the chairmanship of Jorge Rebelo, secretary of the Central Committee for party ideological work, the first national conference on information opened in Maputo today. It was attended by a number of the members of the permanent Political Committee and the Central Committee of FRELIMO and by delegates from the national information organ, mass democratic organizations and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Jorge Rebelo stated that this national conference is being held within the context of party restructuring to strengthen the people's democratic power in our country and also for laying down solid foundations for planning. He also stated that this first national conference on information aimed to examine the work done since the holding of the national seminar on information, to study and approve the statutes of the National Organization of Journalists, and to lay down this organization's immediate tasks. Jorge Rebelo also stressed that the National Organization of Journalists which had been set up should be a model of unity within party spirit and revolutionary discipline.

During the first session of the conference, a report from the provisional secretariat of the Mozambique National Organization of Journalists was presented and approved. The report describes the work carried out up to this moment. A message from the Organization of Mozambique Women was also read.

Delegates from Radio Mozambique, the Mozambique Information Agency, the National Film Institute, NOTICIAS, Noticias de Beira, and TEMPOR magazine also supplied advice to the conference.

The proceedings of the first national conference on information will resume tomorrow.

MOZAMBIQUE RELEASES BELGIAN PILOTS SHOT DOWN

LD111919Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 1700 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] The Government of Mozambique has handed over to the Belgian representatives in Maputo the two pilots of the aircraft shot down at the end of last year in Tete Province, when it illegally flew over our territory while carrying cargo from southern Rhodesia to Zaire.

Mozambique was represented by the head of European and U.S. Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, (Shapurdine Quei), and the Belgian Government by the first secretary of the Belgian Embassy in Maputo and a member of the Netherlands Embassy.

(Shapurdine Quei) said on the occasion that the action of the two pilots was in flagrant violation of the sanctions imposed by the United Nations on Rhodesia and in [word indistinct] violation of Mozambique airspace, the airspace of a sovereign state and member of the United Nations.

He went on to say that by virtue of the clemency by the president of the People's Republic of Mozambique, Samora Machel, the two pilots, (Moseau) and (Libel), were solemnly pardoned and set free and were being handed to the Belgian Government to conduct them home because the were of Belgian nationality.

The head of the European and U.S. Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in conclusion that the People's Republic of Mozambique hopes that in the future Belgian citizens will not take part in such crimes in violation of the principles upheld by the norms of international conduct and by the UN Charter, which is supported by Belgium.

MUGABE COMMENTS ON MEETING BETWEEN PATRIOTIC FRONT, REGIME

LD111807Y Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese 0430 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/EA

[Text] Robert Mugabe, coleader of the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe, has rejected the U.S. and British idea of holding a meeting between the Patriotic Front and the illegal Rhodesian regime and its puppets who have signed the so-called internal settlement.

Mugabe said that the conference due to be held in Dar es Salaam on 15 April, which has been organized by Britain and the United States, will only count with the participation of the Patriotic Front. He added that it should be a continuation of the Malta talks.

The Zimbabwean nationalist leader arrived in Maputo on Sunday.

Mugabe stressed that this conference should discuss the mechanism of the transitional phase in the Anglo-American plan, that is, the military aspects of it.

Questioned on the possibility of the Dar es Salaam conference bringing about a cease-fire in Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe said that the end of war can be the subject of discussion only after the colonial power, Britain, agrees to the total transfer of power to the people of Zimbabwe through their true representatives and recognizes the Patriotic Front army as the only force in an independent Zimbabwe.

RHODESIA

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES NAMES OF BLACK MINISTERS

LD111756Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/CA

[Text] The Executive Council today announced the names of the nine black ministers who will serve on the ministerial council. It is anticipated that the prime minister will announce the white ministers tomorrow.

Mr (D. Bulle) becomes minister of finance and of commerce and industry;

Mr S. Chikerema will be minister of transport and power, of mines and of roads and road traffic and of posts;

Dr T. Gabellah becomes minister of foreign affairs and of information, immigration and tourism;

Mr (B. Hilbey) becomes minister of justice and of law and order and the public service;

Mr J. Kadziviti becomes minister of defense and of combined operations;

Mr G. Magaramombe will be minister of education, health and of manpower and social affairs;

Mr (J. Mandaza) becomes minister of agriculture;

Mr (A. Nguchini) will be minister of water development and of lands, natural resources and of rural development;

Chief Kaisa Ndiweni becomes minister of internal affairs, local government and housing and works.

UK, U.S. ENVOYS WILL NOT MEET WITH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

LD111244Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1600 GMT 10 Apr 78 LD/CA

[Text] The possibility of talks between the Anglo-American envoys and the Executive Council ended after 1 hour of talks in Salisbury this afternoon with both sides agreeing to issue separate statements. The under secretary at the Foreign Office, Mr John Graham, said he would return to London tonight. And Mr Stephen Low will leave for Lusaka tomorrow.

The two envoys met the deputy leaders of the parties to the Salisbury accord at (Milton) building this morning and again this afternoon.

Talking to reporters this afternoon Mr Chikerema, first vice president of the UANC, said the meeting was very good. Dr Gabellah, deputy president of the ANC said there would be no meeting between the envoys and the Executive Council. Statements are expected from the interim government and from Mr Graham at about 1630 GMT this evening.

TERRORIST KILLINGS, ARSON ATTACKS ON BUSES REPORTED

LD121106Y Salisbury Domestic Service in English 1745 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD/CA

[Text] A combined operations headquarters communique reports the death in action of private (Alec Mirwani) of Bulawayo who was aged 17 and single. The murder by terrorists of Mr Eric James Hart of [name indistinct] farm, Shamva District, is also reported. Mr Hart was aged 66 and divorced. Both next of kin have been informed. Mr Hart was murdered when he was approached by two terrorists on his farm at 0630 yesterday. A struggle ensued in which one of the terrorists was wounded. The other shot and killed Mr Hart.

Security forces have killed five terrorists and three terrorist collaborators. Three black civilians have been murdered by terrorists and another killed in crossfire. In further acts of banditry and arson, terrorists have been responsible for the robbing of a number of long-distance buses--2 of which were burned out--10 stores and 2 beer halls and 3 commercial vehicles. Terrorists set fire to two of the vehicles and in separate incidents have burned out a Seventh Day Adventist church and a primary school. All these incidents occurred in the Tribal Trust Lands.

Terrorists have attacked three white-owned farm homesteads during the past 4 days. Two of these were unoccupied and were set alight and gutted by the terrorists responsible.

Vila Salazar has been subjected to three unprovoked attacks of mortar and small arms fire from Mozambique. There were no casualties or damage. Fire was returned on one occasion.

SOUTH AFRICA

BREAK WITH TRANSKEI CALLED 'ONLY DIPLOMATIC'

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[Text] South Africa's ambassador (?in Umtata), Mr Potgieter, says the decision by Transkei to sever relations with South Africa affects only diplomatic ties. He told a representative of Radio South Africa that all other activities between the two countries would continue unchanged. As in the past, South African travellers and tourists would be welcome (?in) Transkei. The prime minister of Transkei, Dr Kaiser Matanzima, announced in parliament yesterday that he was breaking off relations with South Africa because of this country's refusal to hand over to Transkei the territory known as East Griqualand. The South African prime minister, Mr John Vorster, is to make a statement on the affair this afternoon.

VORSTER CALLS CLAIMS BY TRANSKEI HEAD 'UNWORTHY LIE'

LD111816Y Johannesburg International Service in English 1600 GMT 11 Apr 78 LD

[Excerpt] The South African prime minister, Mr John Vorster, has expressed regret at Transkei's decision to break diplomatic relations with South Africa, saying that the decision could only be to the disadvantage of Transkei. Speaking in parliament in Cape Town, the prime minister gave details of negotiations on Transkei's land demands since 1969 and said that Paramount Chief Matanzima had told him that after the incorporation of the Glen Grey and Herschel districts this was the end of Transkei's territorial claims. Turning to Transkei's claim to East Griqualand, Mr Vorster pointed out that new land claims were received from Dr Matanzima earlier this year. He had written a letter to the Transkei premier saying that the latest claims were being studied by the South African Government.

Mr Vorster said he believed that Dr Matanzima was highly emotional about East Griqualand because he was convinced that South Africa intended handing over the territory to Chief Buthelezi of Kwazulu. He also believed that certain influential persons who visited Transkei lately had informed Dr Matanzima that his chances of gaining international recognition would be better if he broke away entirely from South Africa.

Mr Vorster said that complete unanimity regarding land claims had been reached between South Africa and Transkei in 1974 and independence for the territory had been negotiated on that basis. The South African prime minister said he took exception to Dr Matanzima's statement in which he described the South African Government as contemptuous and brutal and considered South Africa's action as an act of war. Mr Vorster rejected as a lie unworthy of the Transkei prime minister the statement that South Africa had murdered millions of blacks in pursuit of her policy. Not even the Cubans would believe this lie which had been sent out into the world. He urged Dr Matanzima not to interfere in South African affairs as this could cause real problems.

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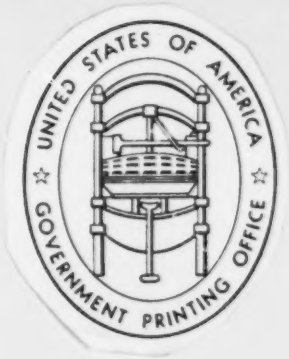

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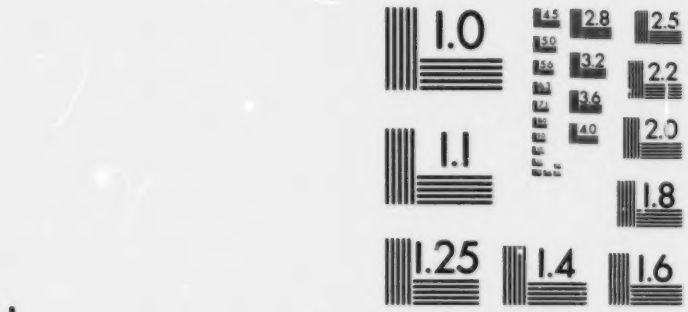

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